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1. In early March 1949 the Russians hired 300 Germans to work at the Kirchmöser tank depot (Z12). This is in contrast to the dismissal of virtually all German workers from this plant in late 1948, at which time it was rumored that the installation would be transferred to Kaliningrad.
2. Also during early March, a small rolling mill was returned to Kirchmöser from the USSR, where it had been taken in 1945. Some difficulty has been encountered in reinstalling this mill because several pieces of machinery are missing. At the same time, 500 Germans were engaged to work in the rolling mill. §

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Comment: This conflicts with a 25 March report from another [redacted] who stated that the Kirchmöser depot was moving by rail to Mullrose (V52). Latter source provided the correct information but it seems possible that this may well have been a transfer of tanks or parts from Kirchmöser to Frankfurt/Oder.

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